

REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 25, 2008. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, 13-15, 18, 20 and 21 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 8 and 15 are in independent form. Claims 5, 12, 19 and 37-42 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 40-42 include allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have been amended to include all the recitations of Claims 40-42, respectively (although it is noted that there was a typographical error in Claim 40, which has been corrected in adding the language of that claim to Claim 1). Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 8 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

All the other claims in this application depend from one or another of the independent claims, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance as well.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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